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AND OTHER RECORDS

FOR 1947.

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Medical Officer of Health.

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To the Chairman and Members of the

BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my twenty-first annual report being that for the year 1947.

Vital statistics show a slight increase in the number of deaths at all ages and also in the case of illegitimate infants and infants under one year, but these increases, in the death rates referred to, are of such small dimensions as not to be any cause for concern.

The total number of live births fell from 421 to 404. Deaths from Tuberculosis were lower, 11 to 7, but Cancer accounted for 27 as against 21. Cardio vascular disease was responsible for 107.

There was a sharp rise in the incidence of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria and Measles, but no deaths.

I again record with pleasure my sincere appreciation of the help afforded me at all times by the Council Officials, particularly the Sanitary Inspector and his staff, and I acknowledge with gratitude the consideration and interest of the Members of the Council.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

S. KNIBB YOUNG,
Medical Officer of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1947.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres) :—8,224.
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, 1947 :—18,970.
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1947) :—5,362.
Rateable Value :—£61,681.
Sum represented by a penny rate :—£232.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

	Total.	Male.	Female.	
Live Births—Legitimate	393	206	187	Birth-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population—21.29.
Illegitimate	11	5	6	
Stillbirths—Legitimate	10	5	5	Rate per 1,000 total (live and stillbirths) —24.15.
Illegitimate	–	–	–	
Deaths	238	128	110	Death-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population—12.55.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes (Headings 29 and 30 of the Registrar-General's short list) :—

	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and stillbirths).
No. 29 Puerperal Sepsis ...	—	—
No. 30 Other Puerperal causes ...	—	—
Total	—	—

Death-Rate of Infants under One Year of Age :—

All infants per 1,000 live births	61.88
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	58.52

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ...	181
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	27
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	–
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	–
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ...	3

Causes of Death During 1947.

Causes of Death.	Total.	Male.	Female.
ALL CAUSES	238	128	110
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	4	1	3
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	3	3	—
Syphilis	—	—	—
Influenza	2	2	—
Measles	—	—	—
Acute Infectious Encephalitis	—	—	—
Cancer—Malignant Disease	27	11	16
Diabetes	1	—	1
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	25	13	12
Heart Disease	80	36	44
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	2	—
Bronchitis	15	9	6
Pneumonia	14	9	5
Other Respiratory Diseases	2	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	4	4	—
Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	3	1	2
Appendicitis	—	—	—
Other Digestive Diseases	1	1	—
Nephritis	11	7	4
Puerperal Sepsis	—	—	—
Other Puerperal Causes	—	—	—
Premature Birth	4	3	1
Congenital Debility, Malformations, etc. ...	8	6	2
Suicide	—	—	—
Road Traffic Accidents	—	—	—
Other Violent Causes	4	2	2
All Other Causes	28	17	11

Deaths at Various Age Periods.

All Ages.	0—	1—	2—	5—	15—	25—	45—	65—
238	25	2	4	4	7	16	55	125

Notifiable Diseases Reported During the Year.

	Number of Cases Notified.		Number Admitted to Hospital.		Deaths.	
	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	27	66	27	46	—	—
Diphtheria	12	38	12	38	—	—
Enteric Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	1	17	—	—	12	14
Erysipelas	1	2	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Meningitis	—	1	1	1	—	—
Poliomyelitis	—	2	—	2	—	—
Measles	31	308	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	46	47	—	—	1	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	2	—	—	—	—
Malaria	—	—	—	—	—	—

Analysis of Cases of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria.

Ages.	0—	1—	2—	3—	4—	5—	10—	15—	20—	35—	45—	—
Scarlet Fever ...	—	2	—	6	—	23	23	10	2	—	—	—
Diphtheria ...	1	1	—	1	1	14	13	4	3	—	—	—

Tuberculosis.

	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—10	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
10—15	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
15—20	2	1	—	1	1	—	1	—
20—25	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
25—35	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	—
35—45	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—55	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
55—65	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
65 upwards ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	6	7	1	6	1	1	1	—

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Public Health Officers.

Medical Officer of Health (part-time) :

S. Knibb Young, M.D., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector (whole-time) :

William Wilkinson, Cert.R.S.I., Cert. Food Inspector, etc.

Clerk : John Mulhall.

Temporary : Miss M. Steel.

Birth-Rate, Death-Rate and Infant Mortality Over Ten Years.

	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Birth Rate ...	15.73	15.67	17.27	17.46	19.00	20.67	21.26	21.84	22.29	21.30
Death Rate ...	10.47	12.42	14.77	11.48	13.58	12.68	13.47	14.94	11.38	12.55
Infant Mortality	60	75	62	55	56	54	73	80	50	62

TABLE COMPARING THE BIRTH-RATE, DEATH-RATE AND ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1947 OF ENGLAND AND WALES, ETC., WITH THAT FOR BRANDON AND BYSHOTTLES.

	Birth Rate per 1,000 Population.		Death Rate per 1,000 Population.	Rate per 1,000 Live Births.	
	Live Births.	Still Births.	All Causes.	Diarrhœa & Enteritis under two years.	Total Deaths under one year.
England and Wales ...	20.5	0.50	12.0	5.8	41
126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London	23.3	0.62	13.0	8.0	47
148 Smaller Towns (Estimated Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at Census 1931)	22.2	0.54	11.9	3.7	36
London	22.7	0.49	12.8	4.8	37
Administrative County of Durham	22.2	0.59	12.1	6.3	50
Brandon and Byshottles ...	21.39	0.53	12.54	7.4	62

WATER SUPPLY.

With the exception of a few isolated farms and cottages the district draws its water from the mains of the Durham County Water Board.

Speaking generally, the supply during the year has been satisfactory with the following exceptions :—

(*a*) *Pringle Place, New Brancepeth.*

There are 88 Council houses on this site standing on sloping ground and owing to the lack of pressure in the mains during the day time there have been occasions when water could not be drawn between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

(*b*) *Brandon Village.*

The conditions of supply here are different as owing to the altitude of the village being higher than that of the local reservoir the water is pumped into a storage tank before being distributed to stand-pipes situated at convenient points in the village and to about 12 houses where the water is laid on.

While the supply is normally sufficient for the present needs of the villagers it would be inadequate should water be laid on to every house, and if the conservancy system of sanitation be converted to water carriage.

I understand that the Durham County Water Board have a scheme in course of preparation which, when completed, should improve the supplies mentioned in paras. (*a*) and (*b*).

(*c*) *Isolated farms and cottages not connected with main water supply.*

The undermentioned farms receive their water supply from a spring situated near Weather Hall. The water is first pumped to a collecting tank and then piped to the farms :—

1. Baal Hill Farm.
2. West Brandon Farm.
3. East Brandon Farm.
4. Standalone Farm.

Address.	Source of Supply.	Remarks.
Hill House Farm and Cottages.	Spring.	1. Near house, used for drinking. 2. Spring some distance away, used for domestic purposes. There are occasions when the supply has failed and water has had to be led.
Langley Old Cottages	,,	Good quality and quantity.
Johnson's Farm, Brandon	,,	,, ,, ,, ,,
Stobb House Farm ...	,,	,, ,, ,, ,,
Hareholm Farm ...	,,	,, ,, ,, ,,
Ragpath Cottage ...	,,	,, ,, ,, ,,
Heslet Farm	,,	Laid into Farm House. Good quality. Supply fails on occasions.
Pit House Cottages (4)	Upland.	Water upland surface, collected in storage tank and piped to these four cottages. Supply fails occasionally and water is led by the National Coal Board.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

5 ash closets were converted to water carriage during the year.

The number of sanitary conveniences existing in the area at the end of 1947 was as follows :—

Water Closets	3130
Ash Closets	2497
Ash Pit Privies	63
Total	5690

Upper and Lower Deerness Valley Sewerage Scheme.

Negotiations were begun during the year for the acquisition of land for the extension of the Browney Sewage Disposal Works, and, in the meantime, the relevant information as to the Council's plans for future development is being considered by the Consulting Engineers in connection with the new Sewerage Scheme. A Joint Meeting was held with Durham City Council as to the Sewage to be dealt with at Browney Sewage Works from a new Development Area within the City boundaries. This meeting was of an exploratory nature only and further meetings are to be held.

Summary of work done in the Sanitary Inspector's Department during the year 1947 :—

I.—PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.	Number of Informal written Notices by Inspector.	Number of Formal Notices by order of Authority.	Number of Nuisances abated after Notice.
Dwelling-houses and Schools :			
Foul Conditions	—	—	—
Structural Defects	78	—	78
Overcrowding	1	—	1
Lodging-houses	—	—	—
Dairies and Milkshops	3	—	3
Cowsheds	—	—	—
Bakehouses	—	—	—
Slaughterhouses	—	—	—
Ashpits and Privies	140	—	140
Deposits of Refuse and Manure	2	—	2
Waterclosets	9	—	9
Defective Yard Paving	—	—	—
House Drainage :			
Defective Traps	—	—	—
No Disconnection from Sewers... ...	—	—	—
Other Faults	21	—	21
Water Supply	5	—	5
Pigsties	—	—	—
Animals Improperly Kept...	—	—	—
Offensive Trades	—	—	—
Smoke Nuisances	—	—	—
Other Nuisances	10	—	10
Totals ...	269	—	269

II.—WATER, FOOD AND DRUGS.	Number.
Samples of Water taken for Analysis	Nil.
Samples condemned as unfit for use	Nil.
Seizures of Unwholesome Food	Nil.
Convictions for exposing or selling Unwholesome Food	Nil.
Samples of Food and Drugs taken for Analysis	Nil.
Samples found Adulterated	Nil.

III.—PRECAUTIONS AGAINST INFECTIOUS DISEASE.	
Lots of Infectious Bedding stoved or destroyed	84
Houses disinfected after Infectious Disease...	84
Schools do.	Nil.
Prosecutions for exposures of infected persons or things	Nil.
Convictions do.	Nil.

IV.—GENERAL.	
Number of New Houses erected during year	133
Number of such Houses occupied during year	160
Ashpit-privies converted into Ash-closets	Nil.
Do. do. Water-closets	Nil.
Ash-closets do. do.	5
Total number of Water-closets in District	3,130
Do. Ash-closets do.	2,497
Do. Ash-pit privies do.	63

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The Council's Sanitary Inspector is responsible to the Council for the administration and supervision of the scavenging of your district.

There are, in your area, approximately 5362 houses and 338 other premises including schools and other premises, the refuse of which is removed regularly.

The cleansing of the whole area is done by direct labour.

The Council owns a fleet of 8 wagons 6 of which are of modern design, and two older wagons for use in connection with refuse collection, viz. :—

	Year.
Karrier Bantam	1941
Karrier Bantam	1942
Karrier Bantam	1943
Karrier Bantam	1945
Karrier Bantam	1946
Karrier Bantam	1947
Bedford 2 tonner	1938
Fordson 2 tonner...	1934

The workmen employed in the cleansing department come under the following categories :—

Chargemen	2
Driver Mechanic	1
Driver/fillers	5
Labourer/fillers	13
Total	21

The work of salvage collection, packing, etc., is also included in the duties of these men.

During the whole year the collection and disposal of refuse and salvage have been carried out satisfactorily.

Refuse Disposal.

Refuse is led to the Council's tips situated at Brandon, Broompark, New Braneepeth, Ushaw Moor and Esh Winning.

Schedules 1 and 2 give details of work done and costs :—

SCHEDULE No. 1.—TABLE SHOWING DETAILS OF COSTS FOR SCAVENGING (DIRECT LABOUR) FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1948.

ALLOCATION.	VEHICLES REGISTRATION NUMBERS.							TOTAL.
	J.V.K. 557	J.V.K. 232	J.T.N. 798	J.T.N. 573	J.T.N. 27	L.T.N. 261	A.V.N. 707	U.P. 9894	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Wages	530 11 7	1357 0 8	597 18 3	654 19 6	593 19 3	433 11 0	196 1 8	1 5 0	4365 6 11
Petrol	45 12 10	79 12 6	47 17 0	47 14 1	49 12 6	36 11 9	28 5 8	0 0 0	335 6 4
Oil	5 0 11	5 1 3	5 0 11	5 1 0	5 0 11	1 7 10	4 2 8	0 0 0	30 15 6
Maintenance and Accessories	6 8 8	75 16 2	98 18 7	64 5 6	128 1 7	5 17 9	21 15 7	13 14 2	414 18 0
Road Fund Licences	30 0 0	30 0 0	30 0 0	30 0 0	30 0 0	27 10 0	30 0 0	0 0 0	207 10 0
Insurance	6 12 7	6 12 7	6 12 7	6 12 7	6 12 7	4 5 7	6 12 6	1 0 0	45 1 0
TOTAL	624 6 7	1554 3 2	786 7 4	808 12 8	813 6 10	509 3 11	286 18 1	15 19 2	5398 17 9

Cost of New Vehicle	637 12 6
Extra Hire	79 16 0
Sanitary Inspectors—Travelling	22 3 8
Wages—Driver Mechanic and Chargeman	415 12 5
Refuse Tips—Wages of Workman	198 12 8
Rent and Rates	126 4 8
Payments of Holidays, Sickness, Insurance, etc. ...	499 18 3
Employers Insurance Contributions	143 6 4
Workshop and Miscellaneous Accessories	183 3 3
Disinfectant Powder	81 0 0
Cost of Contract—Final Payment for Previous Year ...	31 0 0
Petrol Pump Rent	7 13 9
Miscellaneous...	10 11 2
GRAND TOTAL	7835 12 5

Schedule No. 2.—Table Showing Summary of Work Done, Etc., by Direct Labour During the Year Ended 31st March, 1948.

Vehicle and Make.	Petrol used. (Gallons.)	Mileage.	Hours.	Work Done.			No. Loads.
				Bins.	A.C.s.	Total.	
Karrier Bantam L.T.N. 261	423	3158	1357	4950	20610	25560	621¾
do. J.V.K. 557	531½	3796	2281	10107	32974	43081	996
do. J.V.K. 232	921½	6274	2155	178850	3925	182775	1393½
do. J.T.N. 798	564	3391	2289½	11177	30443	41620	997¾
do. J.T.N. 513	546½	3654	1957¾	23714	19055	42769	925
do. J.T.N. 27	583	3743	2199	14498	26827	41325	924¼
Bedford A.V.N. 707	352½	2568	856½	2196	6328	8524	345
Fordson U.P. 9894	5	30	5½	—	71	71	2
Total	3927	26614	13161¼	245492	140233	385725	6205¼

SALVAGE.

The following schedule gives the details of salvage collections and sales during the year :—

The total receipts show a decrease of £28 6s. 6d. on the previous year.

	Weights.				Receipts.			Expenses.		
	T.	C.	Q.	lbs.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Paper	92	16	3	0	200	3	7			
Kitchen Waste	45	8	1	0	83	3	6			
Household Bones		5	5	0	1	15	10			
Scrap Metal	1	0	2	0	2	15	8			
Rags	0	2	3	0	1	7	6			
Bagging	0	3	3	0	0	5	7			
Bottles and Jars					0	2	9			
Wages								150	0	3
Cost of Waggon								22	12	6
Travelling S.I.								14	7	6
Petrol								17	2	0
Miscellaneous								5	11	8
Rent								16	10	0
Credit Balance								63	10	6
TOTAL	76	18	1	0	£289	14	5	£289	14	5

HOUSING.

During the years 1936 to 1938, four hundred and thirty two houses were condemned in the Area ; of these, 104 are still occupied —273 have since been demolished and it is hoped that the demolition of the remaining 55 will soon be completed.

One hundred and twenty two families representing 566 persons were rehoused in new Council houses from these areas during 1939 and owing to the dangerous condition of certain condemned houses at Ushaw Moor and the need for extending the new housing site at Brandon, it was necessary to rehouse 46 other families (217 persons) during this year.

At the end of the year the Council's post-war building scheme showed that 183 permanent houses and 70 pre-fabricated houses had been completed and occupied by 253 families with a total of 1,082 persons.

HOUSING REQUIREMENTS.

Schedule 7 shows that the housing position is very acute and that at least 630 houses are needed to deal with overcrowding, families living with their parents or in rooms, and that another 112 houses are needed to rehouse families living in properties condemned during 1936-38.

In addition to these requirements it must be remembered that the Council's Slum Clearance programme had only begun when hostilities broke out, and made further progress impossible.

It is estimated that approximately 2,000 houses in the area are below standard to such an extent that 'Clearance' is the only method with which they could be dealt.

The following schedules show progress made and future housing requirements :—

(1) NUMBER OF FAMILIES AND PERSONS REHOUSED IN NEW COUNCIL HOUSES FROM CLEARANCE AREAS—PRE-WAR.

District.	*No. Families.*	*No. Persons.*
New Brancepeth	84	386
Brandon Colliery	38	180
TOTAL	122	566

(2) NUMBERS OF FAMILIES AND PERSONS REHOUSED IN NEW COUNCIL HOUSES FROM CLEARANCE AREAS—POST-WAR.

District.	*No. Families.*	*No. Persons.*
Brandon Colliery	16	80
Ushaw Moor Colliery ...	28	126
Langley Moor	2	11
TOTAL	46	217

(3) TOTAL NUMBER OF FAMILIES AND PERSONS REHOUSED IN NEW COUNCIL HOUSES—POST-WAR.

Housing Site at :—	No. Persons Rehoused.	Houses.		Total No. Houses.
		Permanont.	Prefabs.	
Brandon	397	77	—	77
Ushaw Moor ...	300	70	—	70
Now Brancepeth ...	217	20	42	62
Esh Winning ...	131	16	16	32
Waterhouses ...	37	—	12	12
TOTAL ...	1,082	183	70	253

(4) Clearance Areas. (Confirmed by Ministry of Health 1936, 1937, 1938).

Area.	No. houses in Area.	No. houses since demolished.	No. houses still occupied.	No. persons remaining.	No. houses required.
Brandon	125	98	24	58	24
New Brancepeth	150	150	—		—
Langley Moor ...	60	—	60	222	65
Ushaw Moor Cly.	97	25	20	79	23
Total ...	432	273	104	359	112

(5) Housing—*Post-War Needs.*

(*a*) Houses needed to rehouse families living in Clearance Areas, the houses of which were condemned in 1935/36 112

(*b*) Approximate number of houses needed for families living under overcrowded conditions. returning service personnel, aged persons and homes for industrial development 630

(*c*) In addition to these, the Council have earmarked for Clearance in the next 5 years, 1075 houses. the details of which are shown in the following schedule 1075

Total requirements 1817

(6) Schedule Showing the Number of Houses Earmarked for Clearance within the Next Five Years.

Ward.	1–2 years.	3–5 years.	Total.
Centre, South and East	410	456	866
North, Ushaw and Broompark	83	8	91
West	88	30	118
Total	581	494	1,075

Schedule No. 7.—Housing Requirements—Applications. (To 10th July, 1948).

	Houses Required For :—	Ward.						Total.
		Centre.	North.	South.	East.	West.	B. & Ushaw.	
1.	Families living under Overcrowded Conditions :							
	(*a*) Ordinary Overcrowding	40	4	3	20	9	12	88
	(*b*) Sub-Tenants—Overcrowding	95	88	77	63	104	117	544
2.	Families—Border Line Cases	27	3	1	27	9	7	74
3.	Families living in Clearance Areas	24	—	—	65	—	23	112
4.	Families requiring Better Housing Conditions ...	150	108	143	112	250	140	903
5.	Applicants from Outside District for houses in Brandon & Byshottles Urban District ...	51	—	—	—	81	33	165
	Total Number Applications	387	203	224	287	453	332	1,886

Housing Requirements under headings 1 (*a*), 1 (*b*) and 2 above are :

2 bedroom type		420
3 do.		170
4 do.		40
Total		630
Requirements under (3) above		112
Requirements for future slum clearance (*i.e.* within next 5 years)		1,075
Grand Total		1,817

Meat Inspection.

Meat Inspection is carried out by the Council's Sanitary and Meat and Food Inspector at the Government controlled slaughter house at Meadowfield, where cattle, sheep and pigs are slaughtered to supply the needs of the population of Durham City, Durham Rural and Brandon & Byshottles districts.

As previously reported, the closest co-operation exists between the Council's Meat and Food Inspector and the slaughter house manager (Mr. F. Armstrong) who gives all possible assistance to facilitate inspection.

A schedule giving details of carcases inspected and meat condemned is given below :—

Carcases Inspected and Meat Condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Total.
Carcases inspected	2,218	381	77	8,410	37	11,123
All Diseases except T.B. :						
Whole carcases condemned ...	1	1	—	7	2	11
Weight of condemned carcases	370 lbs.	531 lbs.	—	450 lbs.	245 lbs.	1,596 lbs.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	867	12	—	23	3	905
Weight of condemned parts or organs	14191lbs.	454 lbs.	—	312 lbs.	55 lbs.	15012lbs.
Percentage of carcases and/or organs inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	39.1%	3.4%	—	.35%	13.4%	8.2%

Tuberculosis only :						
Whole carcases condemned ...	4	17	—	—	—	21
Weight of condemned carcases	1,805 lbs.	6,301 lbs.	—	—	—	8,106 lbs.
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned...	201	72	—	—	9	282
Weight of condemned parts or organ	3,343 lbs.	3,468 lbs.	—	—	90 lbs.	6,901 lbs.
Percentage of number inspected affected with T.B.	9.2%	23.3%	—	—	24.3%	2.7%

Food Inspection.

10,431 lbs. of foodstuffs condemned during the year consisted chiefly of :—

Corned Beef.
Imported Meat.
Corned Mutton.
Bacon.
Butter and tinned goods.

Farms and Dairies.

The following is a summary of the main facts concerning the Milk Supply of your district :—

Registered Dairy Farms	35
Registered Cow Sheds	50
Farms discontinued during the year ...	Nil
Producers and Wholesalers	5
Producers and Retailers	25
Producers, Wholesalers and Retailers ...	3
Producers and Butter Makers	2
Producers of Tuberculin Tested Milk ...	1
Accredited Producers	4
Milk Shops in the Area (including shops selling bottled milk)	20
Retailers non-resident in the Area ...	7
Dairy Cattle (approximate number) ...	436
New Cow Sheds erected during year ...	Nil
Farm Inspections during the year ...	225

General Observations.

The standard of cleanliness of farms and dairies has been maintained during the year.

Farm Improvements—West Broom Farm, Broompark.

Conditions for milk production have been greatly improved at this farm by :—

(*a*) Standard improvements to the farmhouse.

(*b*) The erection of a new dairy built in brick.

(*c*) The modernising of the old 12 stall byre.

Fish Fryers.

The premises operated by 'Fish Fryers' have been visited regularly during the year and the conditions as regards cleanliness and general management have been found to be satisfactory.

The following table shows the disposition of these premises in Wards :—

Ward.	District.	No. of Premises.
Centre	Brandon Colliery	2
South	Meadowfield	1
	Browney	2
East	Langley Moor	3
	Littleburn	1
North	New Brancepeth	1
Broom	Broompark	1
Ushaw	Ushaw Moor	3
West	Esh Winning	3
	Waterhouses	1
	Total	18

FACTORIES.

The new two factories built at Langley Moor are now in production :—

(1) MESSRS I. & R. MORLEY, LTD. (Manufacturers of hosiery and shirts).

This factory employs 29 men and 286 women.

The factory has a floor area of 24,289 feet, sup.

(2) MESSRS. HIRST & THACKWAY (Raincoat and Clothing Manufacturers).

This factory employs approximately 18 men and 216 women.

The factory has a floor area of 36,053 feet, sup.

In addition to these two factories there are 31 small factories operated in most cases by individual craftsmen who carry on the trades of joiners, tailors, blacksmiths, boot repairers, etc.

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 9 bakehouses in the area, two of which are wholesalers and retailers and the remainder are in the retail trade only.

The conditions existing at these premises when visited were found to be satisfactory.

AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The Council took delivery of an ambulance in April 1944 for the purpose of meeting the public need for such a vehicle, viz. :—

(*a*) to convey patients to and from hospital.

(*b*) to deal with street accidents.

During the year 355 journeys were made to the various hospitals in the area, 12 of which were street and other accidents.

The reciprocal arrangement made with the Durham City Council under which the ambulance of each authority undertakes 'Night Duty' journeys on alternative weeks and when necessary remove cases from either district during the day time has continued to prove beneficial to the residents of both the Durham City and Brandon districts.